

III. Singleness: A Sacred Calling. (vv25–40)

Key Idea: Singleness isn't a problem to fix, but a gift to steward.

- A. Singleness gives you **Freedom** from additional troubles or distress, especially during difficult times. (vv25-28)
- B. Singleness is a Gift of **Undivided Devotion** to the Lord. (vv32-40)
- C. Singles should not be overly elated by getting married nor overly disappointed by not—because Christ is the only spouse who truly **Fulfills Us** and His family is the only family that will truly **Free Us**. (vv29-31)

Love, sex, and singleness are not ultimate—Christ is!

Growing Notes

What's one common message our culture sends about love, sex, or singleness that contradicts the gospel? Whether you're married, single, divorced, or widowed, Jesus is enough! Explain.

Read 1Cor.7:1-9. What is God's standard for sex (vv1-2)? What's the underlying mutual attitude that makes for a great marriage (vv3-4)? Why do you think an emotionally wealthy marriage is the best defense against adultery (v5)? Marriage and singleness are gifts (v7). Do you tend to see one as superior? Why?

Read 1Cor.7:10-24. In verses 10 through 16, Paul addresses situations where believers are married to unbelievers. What guidance does he give? How might this encourage someone in a spiritually divided marriage? Why is it important to remember that you get your identity/well-being from Christ not your circumstances (vv17-24)?

Read 1Cor.7:25-40. Why is singleness not a problem to fix but a gift to steward? What are the advantages of singleness? How should the Church view and support single believers? Whether you are married or single how are you using your current season for God's glory? Pray.

CHURCH CALENDAR 2025

JULY24: Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall
JULY25: Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room
JULY27: DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room
JULY28: Seasons of Care – 6:30pm - Family Room
JULY31: Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall

AUG. 1 Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room
AUG. 3 DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room
AUG. 7 Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG. 8 Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room
AUG. 9 Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Lounge Room
AUG.10 DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room
DB Leaders Meeting - 9am - Anomaly Room
AUG.11 Faith*Family*Freedom – 6pm – Anomaly Room
AUG.14 Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG.15 Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room
AUG.16 DB Men's Breakfast – 9am – Community Hall
Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Lounge Room
AUG.17 DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room
AUG.21 Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG.22 Love Your Marriage – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG.23 Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Lounge Room
AUG.24 DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room
AUG.25 Seasons of Care – 6:30pm – Family Room
AUG.28 Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall
AUG.30 Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Lounge Room
AUG.31 DB Starting Point – 9am – Conference Room

****Please check out dbcc.com for more information and to register for events.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

|| Coffee Bar is open 45 minutes before services – if you are new with us please enjoy a complimentary beverage with a completed visitor card. ||

|| **Please register for classes that require Childcare** ||

|| Check out our website for upcoming events @ dbcc.com ||

|| On Campus Bible Studies resume in September ||

|| Grief Share Class will resume in September ||

|| Foundations of Evangelism – begins in September (4 weeks) ||

|| DB Life – begins in September (8weeks) ||

|| DB Family Campout – September 19-21 ||

|| WINGS – September 10 – Women’s Worship and Prayer Night ||

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

>Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
 >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
 >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
 >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

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| Aug. 2/3 | Freedom with Boundaries | 1 Cor. 8 |
| Aug. 9/10 | The Cost of the Call | 1 Cor. 9 |

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Weekly Giving July 19/20
 Budget \$28,500 – Actual \$ 24,783
 DYTМ : \$ 150

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm 602-374-4588

July 26/27
 2025

Imperfect People
PERFECT GOD

Ray Davis

“Love, Sex, and Singleness” (1 Cor. 7:1-40)

We live in a culture where love, sex, and singleness are constantly discussed but rarely understood through the lens of Scripture. For some, love is reduced to emotion, sex is treated like an appetite that can be satisfied by any means, and singleness is seen as a problem to be solved. But in 1 Corinthians 7, Paul gives us a radically different vision. He lifts our eyes to see these things not as issues of personal fulfillment, but as callings from God—arenas where His grace and purpose can be displayed. Whether you’re married, single, divorced, or widowed, Jesus is enough!

I. Love in Marriage: A Covenant of Whole Life Giving (Spirit/Soul/Body). (vv1–9)

Key Idea: God’s Standard for Sex is Abstinence in Singleness and Faithfulness in Marriage. (vv1-2)

- A. It’s a **Great Marriage** that makes for a great sex life and not the other way around. (vv3-4)
- B. An **Emotionally Wealthy** marriage relationship is the best defense against adultery. (v5)
- C. Singleness and Marriage Are **Both** Gifts From God. (vv6-9)

II. Faithfulness in Broken Relationships. (vv10–24)

Key Idea: God’s grace empowers faithfulness even in complicated or painful relationships.

- A. Remain **Faithful** in Marriage—Even When It’s Difficult. (vv10-11)

Grounds for Divorce: Adultery (Matt.19:3-9) & Abandonment (1 Cor.7:10-16)

- B. Be A Faithful **Witness** in Mixed-Faith Marriages. (vv12-16)
- C. Remember your **Identity/well-being** is from Christ not your circumstances. (vv17-24)